



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: TAMIEN SKATE PARK

DATE: 05-25-04

Approved

Date

Council District: 3, 6, 7

REASON FOR MEMORANDUM

At the Recreation and Cultural Services City Service Area Budget Study Session on its Capital Improvement Program, a referral was made regarding the operation and maintenance (O&M) related to Tamien Skate Park and deferral of the project's schedule. This memorandum responds to the referral.

BACKGROUND

The Tamien Skate Park project provides funding for the construction of a skate park in the Tamien Light Rail Station area. Funding has been committed by Council Districts 3, 6, and 7 through their Construction and Conveyance Tax Funds. The project is being recommended for deferral primarily based on current, estimated O&M costs and the current schedule related to land acquisition.

ANALYSIS

If the Tamien Skate Park project proceeded as originally scheduled, opening in 2005-2006, the estimated operations and maintenance impact would be \$30,000 in the first year, bringing the project over the \$25,000 threshold used to assist with determining if projects should be recommended for deferral.

In addition, staff met with Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) officials and the following is the current land acquisition schedule:

- CalTrans will transfer land to VTA within the next 13 months. VTA transfer of land to the City is contingent upon VTA receiving approvals to construct its housing project.

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- CalTrans/VTA agree that the City may proceed in completing the topographic survey that is necessary to complete the master planning process.
- The topographic survey will take approximately 90-120 days to complete.
- The City may proceed with the environmental work and master plan upon receipt of the topographic survey. Environmental work and master planning would take approximately 12 months to complete. Plans and specifications would take approximately six months to complete. Bidding and construction would take approximately 14 months to complete.

If the project began today, this schedule would bring the City to a summer 2007 project, completion date. This period is close to the proposed deferred schedule of a 2007-2008 beneficial use. It is worth noting that much of this schedule is contingent upon VTA receiving the property from CalTrans and VTA receiving entitlements/approvals from the City.

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